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SUBJ: PRESIDENT BAGAZA'S SPEECH ON UPRONA ANNIVERSARY

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1. REFERENCE AIRGRAM CONTAINED A TRANSLATION OF PRESIDENT BAGAZA'S
SPEECH SEPTEMBER 15 ON OCCASION OF SEVENTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF UPRONA
PARTY'S ELECTORAL VICTORY.

2. SPEECH WHICH CONTAINED EXPECTED EULOGY OF UPRONA PARTY AND ITS
FOUNDER, PRINCE LOUIS RWAGASORE, WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING BECAUSE
ITS CALL FOR INCREASED PARTY MOLITANCY RECOGNIZED PRINCIPAL CURRENT
ANTI-REGIME RUMORS AND IMPLIED THAT ELECTIONS COULD BE HELD AT SOME
FUTURE DATE.

3. BAGAZA DENOUNCED SPREADING OF LIES AND FALSE RUMORS, AS WELL AS
EXPLOITATION OF THE PEOPLE BY RAISING PRICES, SPECULATION AND
MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS. SPECIFICALLY HE URGED PARTY MEMBERS
TO SILENCE THOSE WHO CLAIMED THAT HEAD TAX HAD NOT BEEN SUPPRESSED
BUT REPLACED BY COMPULSORY SAVINGS. HE CALLED UPON THEM TO DISPROVE
THE CLAIMS OF THOSE WHO SAID THAT PEOPLE CONVICTED OF MISAPPROPRIATED
FUNDS WERE INNOCENT.

4. HE ALSO MADE INDIRECT REFERENCE TO FUTURE ELECTIONS:
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"WHEN, LATER ON, THE IDEALS OF THE PARTY ARE WELL UNDERSTOOD AND
ENLIGHTEN ALL YOUR ACTIONS WE CAN ASK YOU TO CHOOSE YOUR LEADERS."
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